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of 1808.  
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Dear Gent: we conclude our lectures for the present year. ~~The winter has been to me a laborious one.~~ It would have been much more so if had not its toils been lighted - ~~by the pleasure which I have derived from the peculiarity of attention to~~ which you have honored my instructions, for which I beg you to accept of my most respectful acknowledgement.

At the beginning of the course, many of you Gent: asked me what books you should read upon the subjects of my lectures. To this question I was unable to give a satisfactory answer. You will now know the reason of it.

- The doctrine of animal life - the functions of the arteries - ~~of & of sweat of the viscera & elements~~ the liver - spleen & bowels & the influence of the operations of the mind upon

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2. The Universality of predisposing debility -  
to the human body - the Unity of the disease,  
extending alike to the body & mind - the ~~same~~  
signs of disease - as manifested <sup>and the blood</sup> by the states of the pulse - the  
& simplicity and small number of my medicines,  
and the <sup>appropriate</sup> ~~same~~ <sup>specific</sup> times of giving them,  
have produced such a departure in my principles  
and modes of practice from all the <sup>systems</sup> ~~books of~~  
of ~~physiology~~ - pathology & practice that are now  
extant, than I could not recommend any  
one of them, without placing you  
in the way of acquiring many ~~weak~~ which  
I should be obliged to combat in the course  
of my lectures. If you have adopted the  
principles, I have taught, <sup>you</sup> may read  
any, or all of those systems, not only with  
safety, but with advantage. They abound

✓ delivered, can produce the same effect  
upon your minds, that ~~they~~ <sup>it</sup> had  
had upon mine, ~~upon the body &~~  
~~they will cure the~~  
~~human body herafter~~ mind of man  
will appear as to you <sup>herafter</sup> as different from  
what ~~they are~~ <sup>they are</sup> exhibited in books, as if  
they were dissimilar objects. But

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lecture of 1805 - ①~~  
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~~Take notice I beg of you to take notice here~~  
gent: that I do not say the principles I  
have taught are true. <sup>far from it.</sup> - all I shall <sup>say.</sup> in their  
favor is, that since my practice has been  
directed by them, it has been far more  
successful, than it was while it was regulated  
by the system of medicine in which I  
was educated. ~~go to p. 8. ①~~

facts, which if ~~not~~ <sup>3</sup> ~~supposed~~, may be employed in filling up the vacant spaces, on adding to the strength of the building I have endeavoured to erect for ~~the~~ ~~the more~~ your benefit. If the <sup>System of medicine</sup> ~~principles~~ which I have

I am aware gent: of the import of a declaration, - that I have tought a new system of medicine. The declaration has been forced upon me ~~by its enemies from whom~~ <sup>by its enemies</sup> ~~for a while~~ <sup>and so as</sup> not only by the kind accusations my opinions ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> of ~~for~~ for it ~~has~~ ruined that odious and unpopular name. from its enemies, & it has since been given to it by its friends, in different, and remote parts of the world. The ~~history~~ <sup>fate</sup> of this system of medicine has been a singular one. It <sup>upon its first appearance</sup> ~~first appeared in the~~ character of it was considered as a sickly

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brat that would ~~not~~<sup>4</sup> perish as soon as it was exposed to the ~~the~~ inclemency of a cold, or rainy day. Contrary to calculation, it lived, thro' several stormy seasons, but in great penury and weakness. For many years it rambled up and down the streets of Philadelphia like a little beggar boy, without <sup>a</sup> friend, and with no other shelter, than the scanty one afforded ~~it~~ by its father. A few Gentlemen of the family (whose names will never be dear to me,) admitted him into ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> their houses, and kindly assisted ~~me~~ in feeding and cloathing him. ~~and then covered his nakedness, and gave~~ him a plentiful meal - But a great majority of the physicians of our city scorched him from their doors. ~~and~~ some of them did more - they either hired the vagabonds of the city to pelt him with stones, or they rewarded them liberally for doing so

✓ It is true they have changed  
his name, and <sup>encouraged to</sup> disguised his by  
a new dress - but his ~~own~~ voice,  
his features & his manners all  
discover his descent from his lawful  
father. —

by their friendships, and patronage. In  
spite of this unkind and cruel treatment  
the boy has grown to be man - and to  
the ~~despair~~<sup>of his friends</sup> of all who once knew him  
has acquired such marks of health, and  
~~vigor~~<sup>strength</sup> - that they now deny him to be  
~~any~~ offspring ~~and~~ of the ~~father~~ to whom  
it be owes his existence. I am not dis-  
posed to) that he is now admitted into the  
families of his greatest enemies, <sup>V</sup> to reconcile  
their change of conduct towards him, they  
~~do~~ deny him to be the little  
whom they my offspring, and call him by  
another name. This is nothing new in the  
history of such young adventurers. I rejoice  
most <sup>happy</sup> in his <sup>success</sup> ~~good fortune~~ <sup>The last instance</sup>  
of his good fortune, <sup>and</sup> <sup>chiefly</sup> ~~and~~ ~~and~~  
and derive from that circumstance a con-  
-viction that repays me for all the trouble

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✓ In these acknowledging myself to the author  
of a new principle in medicine, I beg ~~gent.~~ to  
~~be exonerated from the charge of being hasty.~~  
take this opportunity of declaring that ~~I was~~ <sup>as</sup>  
little expected to have been called to that arduous  
in the early part of my medical life,  
and hazardous duty, & as I now expect to be called  
upon to fill the see of Canterbury, when I ~~first~~  
settled in this city, my first study & greatest  
pleasure consisted in explaining & propagating  
the ~~poor~~ system of medicine of my illustrious  
preceptor Dr Cullen, and it was not until  
I was disappointed in many instances in  
its application to the practice of Physic, that  
I ~~doct: sh: ob: s:med~~, and thought for myself.  
— The revolution of the past achievements of  
our Science, encouraged me to hope in the  
course of future inquiries, while an <sup>and an</sup> ardent

my life <sup>6</sup> has cost me. I am disposed to  
He will - he must live now ~~as~~ to pass  
through all the ~~greatest~~ stages of human  
life. <sup>Post to prove our allegory is -</sup> I  
am not invisible part of the favor with  
which my principles of medicine have been  
received <sup>by my pupils, and by many others</sup> in ~~different~~ <sup>ch</sup> foreign countries,  
but the most gratifying I am most dis-  
posed to believe in their truth & utility when  
I reflect that they have been adopted by  
the most intractable enemies  
in this city. You will judge of the change <sup>ch</sup>  
has taken place in this mind, when I add that  
this hostility to me discovered by these publica-  
tions in 1797 was compared by a sensible  
clergyman in a neighbouring state to "the opening  
of the mouth of hell against me".

To this hostility I have never replied  
not even in a single paragraph in a news

much more than any confidence in my abilities encouraged  
Desire to lessen human misery ~~so as to~~ prompted  
me to hope for the success in future  
to ~~exceed~~ all the power ~~constant~~

~~labourious exertions in order to~~ <sup>my</sup> inquiries in  
in medicine.

~~over professions~~ - Painful - laborious and

unremitting have been my labors for that purpose.  
Numerous - complicated and cruel have been  
- ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> the persecutions that have followed them. The

- pain - and forgiveness to the authors of  
them! <sup>These unkindnesses have</sup> ~~They have lately exhibited~~

~~their~~ <sup>it</sup> last sign of departing life. The curse  
must <sup>them their unkindness</sup> soon convey ~~them~~ <sup>them</sup> to the oblivion  
of the grave.]

① Among the sacrifices that painful circum-  
stances that attended the propagation of my  
principles in medicine, my being obliged to  
oppose the system of my <sup>medical</sup> Dr Cullen was not  
the least. He was dear to me as a master,

<sup>8</sup> Although I am possessed of myself,

You may form some idea of the nature of them, when I add, they were composed in the year 1797 by a citizen of a neighbouring state to "the opening of the mouth of hell against me"

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and I have been more than once told, that I shared largely in his friendship. But I was reconciled to my conduct <sup>only</sup> by reflecting that ~~both~~ our objects were the same, and were it possible for ~~him~~ <sup>his departed spirit</sup> to appear to me in my study, or to meet in an evening walk - he would say to me "go on my son - ~~you have only with~~ continue to exercise that ~~good~~ freedom of inquiry which it was

✓ Methinks I hear the same awful voice  
issuing from the tomb of my beloved  
Master. It seems to say to me. "In the  
progress in our Science towards the perfection  
which awaits it, your system of medicine  
will soon follow the fate of mine. Future  
discoveries in Anatomy, Chemistry - and na-  
-tural history will consign a part of it to  
oblivion, and render alterations necessary  
in every other part of it." Delightful intelligence!

- I anticipate its <sup>accomplishment</sup> with pleasure. Perhaps I  
am now addressing the gentleman - who  
shall from the chair I now occupy; - or from  
the press - expose the ~~wross~~ <sup>System</sup> of my pre-  
-ciples of medicine. - Did I know who  
was to be that person, I would take him  
~~into my arms~~, and cordially wish him  
success in his noble undertaking. —

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my pride and pleasure to exist in all my pupils  
- you have <sup>only</sup> added a story to the building of <sup>ch-</sup>  
I laid the foundation. - ~~if~~ The fabric is  
yet incomplete. ~~in~~ ~~any~~ fate or long  
will be yours ~~for~~ <sup>and if</sup> The empire of  
Death he limited has been <sup>1</sup> lifted in a single  
instance by your <sup>any part of</sup> abjection of my principles  
in medicine. I shall ~~be satisfied~~ <sup>join</sup> in  
it !! Yes - venerable shade ! - I am sure  
you do, - for your whole life was <sup>animated not</sup> regulated  
~~not~~ <sup>up</sup> by the love of our species, than  
by the most sublime & disinterested bene-  
- volence to the your fellow creatures ! —

The dead sometimes call upon us  
from their tombstones. and say - " as you  
were now - so once was I, - and now  
you - so - shortly - you shall be." <sup>✓</sup> me =

✓ I regret that the number & <sup>import</sup> of  
of my engagements during the winter,  
~~✓ lately the~~ ~~distress of my~~ <sup>more frequent</sup> ~~family~~  
prevented my cultivating an intercourse  
with you ~~✓ even since I have lost~~  
from which I should have derived  
both pleasure & instruction.

— Pray my labors! 12. Wish my name  
from the words of ~~time~~, ~~time~~, ~~time~~  
labors — provided the time I have loved &  
cherished be advanced, and perfected in the  
~~world~~.

I have only ~~quart~~ to ~~express my sincere~~  
regret in parting with you. Accept of my  
thanks for the respectful & flattering atten-  
tion with which you have been pleased to  
honour these lectures, and receive from ~~me~~  
~~heart overflowing me~~, the most cordial  
affectionate good wishes for your future  
prosperity & happiness.

